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b.) Amendments to Specification

*Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, in the specification as originally filed, with the following rewritten paragraph:*

-- Fig. 2 is an image of an intermediate, wedge-shaped, fiber lens 118

immediately after the polishing operation and prior to fusing. As can be seen, there are striations on the surface of the lens that are artifacts of the polishing process. Moreover, it has relatively sharp corners at, for example, the tip 118A.--